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Agnes Lee

Saying to midnight: "Whether or no,
Half the world is builded so;"

Saying to morn: "Come do your mocking!—
But there's money in my stocking!"

Now, with strong, insistent voice
Calling, urging to the choice,

More than gems or loves that were,
The stern sea has tempted her.

THE SWEEPER

Frail, wistful guardian of the broom,
The dwelling's drudge and stay,
Whom destiny gave a single task—
To keep the dust away!

Sweep off the floor and polish the chair.
It will not always last.
Some day, for all your arms can do,
The dust will hold you fast.

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